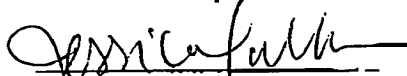


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Applicant herein requests that the above-referenced application be treated as an application arising under 35 USC § 111(a), rather than under 35 USC § 371.

When this application was filed, the "Transmittal Letter for Entering the National Stage in the US Under 371" was used. This was incorrect. However, nowhere on this form was a PCT application number listed from which it was to be a National Phase. The only priority claim for application Serial No. 09/786,294 should be the European Application No. 00103882.7 filed 2/24/00, as correctly listed on the transmittal form.

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which Application Serial No. 09/786,294 is a National Phase filing. PCT Application No. PCT/EP99/05675 has no relationship to the present application.

Applicant requests that the priority claim to PCT Application No. PCT/EP99/05675 be deleted from the record of this application and that only the European Application No. 00103882.7 be shown as the sole priority claim. A copy of the Executed Declaration filed October 19, 2001 is also enclosed. Page 2 of the Declaration lists the priority applications – only the European Application No. 00103882.7 is listed there, *i.e.* no Reference to any PCT application.

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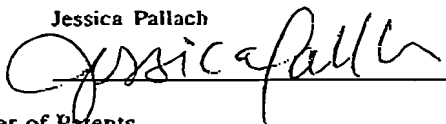
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